



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A receiver comprising:

a receiving section for receiving a first communication signal through a first communication system, the first communication signal including contents and limitation information;

a transmitting and receiving section requesting a transmission of a second communication signal containing release information and receiving said second communication signal through a second communication system enabling bi-directional communications;

a matching ~~correlation~~-detection section for making a judgment as to whether or not said release information has a ~~predetermined matching correlation with the~~ matches said limitation information; and

an output section configured to prevent normal outputting of at least one portion of said contents when said ~~predetermined matching correlation~~ a match is not detected between said release information and said limitation information, and to output said contents normally when ~~said predetermined matching correlation~~ a match is detected between said release information and said limitation information;

wherein said first communication signal contains transmission source information for specifying a transmission source in order to obtain said release information that ~~has said predetermined matching correlation with~~ matches said limitation information corresponding to said contents constituted by said first communication signal, and

wherein said receiver receives said second communication signal automatically by

obtaining said transmission source information contained in said first communication signal.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

3. (Withdrawn -- Currently Amended) The receiver according to claim 1, further comprising:

a storing section for storing said release information and discrimination information for discriminating said contents,

wherein said receiver receives said contents corresponding to said discrimination information stored in said storage section as said first communication signal, and, outputs said contents normally when said release information stored in said storage section and matches said limitation information corresponding to said contents ~~have said predetermined matching correlation.~~

4. (Withdrawn) The receiver according to claim 3, further comprising an accumulation section for accumulating said first communication signal.

5. (Withdrawn) The receiver according to claim 4, wherein said storage section stores said first communication signal on condition that said contents corresponding to said discrimination information stored in said storage section as said first communication signal.

6. (Withdrawn -- Currently Amended) The receiver according to claim 5, wherein said storage section stores said first communication signal on additional condition that said release information stored in said storage section ~~and~~ matches said limitation information corresponding to said contents ~~have said predetermined matching correlation.~~

7. (Previously Presented) The receiver according to claim 1, wherein said limitation information is multiplexed with said contents and said transmission source information in said first communication signal.

8. (Original) The receiver according to claim 1, wherein said output section indicates that said communication is being carried out through said second communication system upon request and receipt of said second communication signal.

9. (Original) The receiver according to claim 1, wherein said contents include video data.

10. (Original) The receiver according to claim 1, wherein said contents include music data.

11. (Original) The receiver according to claim 1, wherein said contents include program data.

12. (Currently Amended) A distribution method of release information comprising:

distributing release information to a receiver, the release information ~~having a predetermined matching correlation with~~ matching limitation information that is supplied along with contents to the receiver through a first communication system,

wherein said release information is distributed to the receiver through a second communication system enabling bi-directional communications,

wherein a transmission source information for specifying a transmission source of said release information is supplied together with said contents and limitation information to the receiver, and

wherein the receiver is configured to prevent normal outputting of the contents until the receiver detects ~~the predetermined matching correlation~~ a match between the release information and the limitation information.

13. (Original) The distribution method according to claim 12, wherein the distribution of said release information is executed in response to a predetermined request.

14. (Currently Amended) A distribution method of contents, which distributes said contents through a first communication system to a receiver, wherein said contents are supplied together with transmission source information for specifying a transmission source for a second communication system that enables bi-directional communications and with limitation information,

and wherein the receiver is configured to prevent normal outputting of said contents until

the receiver detects that release information, which is obtained from said transmission source through the second communication system, ~~has a predetermined matching correlation with~~ matches the limitation information.

15. (Previously Presented) The distribution method of contents according to claim 14, wherein said contents are multiplexed with said limitation information and said transmission source information.